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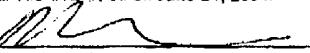
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RESPONSE

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Dear Examiner Khare:

Thank you for the Action dated Feb 25, 2004.

Restriction

Applicants confirm election of group II, and request reconsideration of the restriction. Group I consists of dependent claims 18-20 which recite a kit for delivering an aminoglycoside antibiotic having poor gut absorption, the kit comprising an aminoglycoside antibiotic having poor gut absorption, and an associated instructional medium describing use of the antibiotic in a claimed method. As such, these three claims depend for patentability on the corresponding method claims, and should require no additional search burden.

35USC112, second paragraph (specification): Claim 1-17

The claims require, inter alia, the step of (a) determining a patient is subject or predisposed to colorectal neoplasia. The claims and specification are directed to those skilled in the art; in particular those skilled at diagnosing and treating patients with colorectal neoplasia. Hence, those skilled in the art already know how to determine if a patient is subject or predisposed to colorectal neoplasia – that is their professional expertise. The claim is not